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Argh! Fine, fine! I'll help already!!

NIGHTMARER

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新連載
第一夜
夜の徘徊者
THE WANDERERS OF THE NIGHT...
ハカラズ人
危うくも美しいメランコリックファンタジー
罪人は血の呪縛に囚われる
SINNERS ARE ENSNARED BY THE MEMORIES OF BLOOD...
Cat of Ribarose
Night Walker
ナイト(ト)ウォーカー
A DANGEROUSLY BEAUTIFUL, MELANCHOLIC FANTASY...

SEEMINGLY A PART OF THIS WORLD, YET AT THE SAME TIME, OTHERWORDLY, IS THE TOWN OF LONDON.
AS OF LATE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNS OF PIED PIPER IN LONDON
A PET CAT WON'T HUNT MICE.
PUB ROYAL BLUE
IN A CORNER OF THIS TOWN LIES A CERTAIN PUB KNOWN AS THE "BLUE WATCHMAKER" CALLED ROYAL BLUE.
THUNK
AAGH!
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
I SEE... IN THAT CASE...

IT'S NOT A JOKE.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS STORY?
THE STORY OF THE "CLEANERS" WHO HUNT THE CATS NIGHT AFTER NIGHT
BUT THERE'S NOT A SINGLE SOUL WHO KNOWS THEIR TRUE IDENTITY
STOP KIDDING
THESE "NIGHT WALKERS" WHO KILL CATS ARE REAL
YOU'RE GOING TO SPOIL MY WINE!

JUST HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN...
HA HA! THAT'S RIGHT!
HEY, NOW! DON'T BRING UP SUCH A GLOOMY TOPIC!
PEOPLE AND CATS HAVE COME TO COEXIST IN THIS TOWN
HOWEVER, THEIR COEXISTENCE IS VITAL FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.
OH, WHAT'S THIS? THERE'S ONE HERE.
A STINKING CAT.
WHERE?
BUT IN REALITY, THERE'S A LARGE GAP.
Uuuu
HERE, HAVE A MUG! IT'S ON ME!
Ha ha!
YOU MONSTERS.
EARS AND TAILS PISS ME OFF!
BEER IS JUST LIKE PISS, ISN'T IT?
HEY,
ALBA ROSE
THESE NIGHT WALKERS
THEY'RE *PERFECT* FOR ELIMINATING THOSE *FILTHY CATS*, DON'T YOU THINK?

EH...
SIR, IF YOU'RE GOING TO PICK A FIGHT WHILE DRUNK,
EEP!
Could you please do it elsewhere? ★
PFF
DAMN,
YOU WERE AWESOME, ALBA
KYAA!
WOW, YOU SOLVED IT JUST BY TALKING TO HIM!
WHAT... WAS THAT ...?

THANKS TO THE RUMORS GOING AROUND TOWN LATELY...
I AM NEVER COMING BACK TO THIS PUB!!!
THIS ISN'T A SHOW, YOU KNOW
IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WHO DISCRIMINATE YOU JUST FOR BEING A CAT
ARE YOU OK?
...
STOP IT.
EHH, BUT YOU DON'T DISCRI-MINATE AGAINST THE CATS!
PLUS, YOU ALWAYS KICK OUT THE DRUNKS IN A FLASH!
I'M JUST...
Wonder-ful! ♡
As expected of the "Silent Guardian" of Royal Blue!
Alba Rose,
you're super quiet and such a gentle-man I want you as my husband!

ALBA?
NO, I DISLIKE TROUBLE-SOME AFFAIRS
I JUST WANT TO LIVE QUIETLY.
Yeah
カラン
ビュッ
JUST AFTER HE SAID THAT, LOOK AT HIM!
H-E-Y N-O-W.
CAN'T YOU ENTER IN A MORE NORMAL FASHION?

TEABART!
Yo!! Alba Rose!
How've you been?!
WELL, ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO CATCH FLYING DARTS!
THERE'S NO NEED TO COME INSIDE THE STORE TO DELIVER THE NEWS-PAPER. YOU COULD'VE JUST LEFT IT IN THE POST BOX
As long as it's something deliverable, I'll carry anything filled with sincerity!
The "Golden Legs" Teabart is what they call me!
OH, TEAT, YOU'RE WORKING HARD TODAY!
MASTER!
NOW, NOW, TEAT, LEAVING YOUR EARS OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THAT IS TOO CARELESS...
HMM?

YOU JUST *LACK* A SENSE OF DANGER, TEAT.
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, ALBA... USING GLASSES ENDOWED WITH MAGIC TO LOOK LIKE A HUMAN IS SO FEMININE
AH, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE COUNTERMEASURES FOR THE RUMORED NIGHT WALKER?
fu fu fu
?
NO.
NIGHT WALKERS ARE MERELY
RUMORS THAT CAT-HATING HUMANS HAVE CREATED FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE

FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT REASON...
AH.
I'M JUST BEING CAUTIOUS.
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY DO OR NOT, AS LONG AS I GET TO LIVE A QUIET LIFE.
I THINK THEY EXIST
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY BUT YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO EXIST, TOO, RIGHT?!
Urban legends are... man's romance!!!
OLD MAN!!!
HA HA HA...
Stupid.
I'm sorry!!! I'm hungry and would like something to eat!!!
NEVER MIND THAT. LET ME GET TO THE POINT.
?
WHO'S THIS?
Your mother would be crying!!!
Ah~
TA DA!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT YOUR AGE?!
IT'S EMBARRASSING!

I thought to bring her along to celebrate!
We cats have a different basis for judging adulthood.
She became an adult and has just returned from a violent destination. My daughter, Riddell! A courier in training!
Allow me to introduce her!
SO YOU TOTALLY CAME HERE JUST TO MOOCH FREE FOOD!!!
TEABART AND RIDDELL ARE BOTH "CATS".
THEY HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH MANY UNIQUE JOBS.
CATS HAVE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETIC AND SPECIAL POWERS.

They're all...
...my treasures!
Stop it, old man!!! That is so embarrassing!!!
Ah, that's true...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
Huh?! Why are you stripping?!
Look! Look!!
I COMPLETED IT RECENTLY!
&Riddell&
&Carroll&
My beloved wife and daughter! And my golden legs!
Riddell.. Carroll.. is this—
A tattoo?

HA HA!
YOU SAID SOMETHING SIMILAR IN THE PAST TOO
THAT'S RIGHT.
TREASURE?
JUST BECAUSE WE'RE CATS, WE ALWAYS GET THESE KINDS OF JOBS.
I CAN'T KEEP UP WITHOUT A DRINK OR TWO.
IF I GET DRUNK, GO HOME, AND BE ABLE TO SEE THE HAPPY FACES ON MY SLEEPING CHILDREN
I FEEL LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING FOR THEM.
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO YOU LIKE THAT, TOO?

IN ORDER TO REMAIN STRONG,
I REMIND MYSELF I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE TO BEGIN WITH.
I LOVE NO ONE.
WOW.
WHAT IS STRENGTH?
I... DON'T UNDER-STAND...
...
EVEN IF WHAT I'M DOING IS MIS-TAKEN,
I'M ABLE TO STAY THE WAY I AM.
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE MY BELOVED WIFE, MY KIDS, AND MY PRIDE
THAT I'M ABLE TO STAY STRONG.

ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?
IT'S NOT AS IF I LIKE BUTTING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S WAY OF THINKING, BUT...
"ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?"
I WONDER HOW I'D ANSWER THAT QUESTION NOW
HMM?
STUFF LIKE THAT...

TO BE HONEST, I WAS A LITTLE JEALOUS.

TEAT, ONE OF MY FEW FRIENDS FROM WORK, AND ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTANDS ME,

HAS RAISED HIS VOICE AND SPOKE OF HIS LOVE FOR THOSE HE HOLD DEAR TO HIM.

TEABART IS A "COURIER".
AT TIMES, HE WILL CARRY DANGEROUS OR ILLEGAL GOODS, DEPENDING ON THE PRICE.
IF IT'S A CELEBRATION, THEN I'M ALL FOR IT
THIS IS SO NOSTAL-GIC
DOING STUFF LIKE THIS IS JUST LIKE THE OLD TIMES.

OLD TIMES, HUH...
BUT TEAT AND I ARE DIFFERENT.
HE'S ONLY A COURIER, BUT I, ON THE OTHER HAND...
...AM A SERIAL KILLER.

ARE YOU STILL DRAGGING YOUR PAST WITH YOU BY CARRYING SOMETHING LIKE A KNIFE?
BUT ALBA YOU'VE CHOSEN YOUR CURRENT LIFE-STYLE.
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHOULD BE TAKING BETTER CARE OF NOW?
THAT'S WHY I WAS HATED. I SHOULD LIVE WITH THE FACT THAT I WAS AN ASSASSIN
HATRED, SADNESS, AND ANGER.
AFTER TAKING AWAY MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES, ALL THAT REMAINED WERE
I SUP-POSE—
SO—
BUT IS THERE REALLY A NEED FOR YOU TO PUNISH YOUR-SELF LIKE THIS?
IF YOU REPENT FOR YOUR SINS, THEN EVERYTHING WOULD BE FINE

CLINK
BUT...
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER FORGET
THAT THESE HANDS STOLE TAKU'S LIFE.
IF I CLOSE MY EYES, I CAN STILL REMEMBER IT CLEARLY AS IF IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY—

ALBA, DO YOU MIND?
COMING!!
COULD YOU CHECK HOW MUCH CHARDONNAY WE HAVE LEFT IN THE BACK?
AND CAN YOU CHECK THE WINE CELLAR WHILE YOU'RE AT IT—
GOT IT.
Sorry, Teat.
OK, OK! We'll head back after we drink.
GOOD WORK.
AFTER YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THAT, YOU'RE FREE TO GO.
ALLEY-OOP!
HUH? BUT IT'S STILL QUITE EARLY, YOU KNOW?
HEY. LOOK.
glance
It's a little girl... there's a little girl over there!
Ha ha ha ha ha..

!!
NICO
CLICK
OOO!!!
YOU FINISHED EARLY!!!
YUP!
EVER SINCE MEETING HER...
WE JUST HAPPENED TO PICK HER UP BEFORE SHE WAS ABOUT TO BE SOLD AS A SLAVE.
A!!

...THE SERIAL KILLER "BLACK CAT" WITHIN ME DISAPPEARED.
Welcome home!!
pat pat
Nyahahaha!

HEY, YOU BETTER GO TO SLEEP NOW.
YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY ALL DAY TOMORROW, RIGHT?
YUP!!!
YES, THAT'S NOT TRUE.
THAT'S NOT...
TRUE.
AN ASSASSIN CAN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE
BUT AN ASSASSIN.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAD COME TO CHERISH ANYONE.
LIKE TEAT AND EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND ME. MY FRIENDS, AND NICO.
STUFF LIKE THIS SURE IS NICE.
THESE PEACEFUL DAYS JUST MIGHT BE THE TREASURES THAT I WANT TO PROTECT.—

huff
huff
huff
KE KE KE KE KE KE KE KE KE

GO!
RUN! RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
ENTER-TAIN ME SOME MORE, GOLDEN LEGS!
THIS IS SO BORING I CAN'T EVEN BRING MY-SELF TO YAWN!
AGH!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME? IS IT BECAUSE OF THIS...?!
YOU KNOW...
DAMNIT ...
SH—!!
DAMN IT!!!

FOR A CAT, YOU SURE ARE SLOW.
NOT TO MENTION YOU TASTE PRETTY BAD. THIS ISN'T ENOUGH.
!!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE QUITE PROUD
OF THESE TATTOOED LEGS OF YOURS.
SHALL I GO FOR ANOTHER?
YOU BAS-TARD!

GUAAAAAAH!
AAAAAAH!
AGH...
LOOK.
THESE ARE YOUR PRECIOUS TREASURES.
AH...
AH...
AH...
AH...

WELL, REST EASY.
!?
KE KE
GRUNCH
I DEFINITELY WON'T LET YOU WALLOW IN DESPAIR
BECAUSE...

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE HERE
AAAH...
AAAAAAAAAGGGHHH!!
AAGH!

SPLAT
KE KE KE KE KE!!!

KE KE...
KE KE...
Coold!!!
YOU CAN'T BE NAKED OUTSIDE.
AYE!
AYE!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S PRECIOUS WATER
U... UMM!!!
EXCUSE ME!!!
Oh?

IT'S TERRIBLE!
IN THE PLAZA...
I'M RIDDELL!
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YOU'RE...
TEABART'S DAUGHTER!
MY... O... OLD MAN...
TEA-BART?
GOT... KILLED...

!!
CAW!
CAW!
huff
huff
MY OLD MAN DIDN'T RETURN AT ALL.
THIS MORNING, WHEN I WENT TO THE PLAZA...
Excuse me!!! Please let me through!
AH...

CAW!
CAW!
HOW DISGUSTING!
JUST HOW...
HOW HORRIFYING... ISN'T THAT A CAT?
...
ボタ
UNFOR...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, NOT THAT IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH US HUMANS, THOUGH.
IS THIS THE RUMORED —?

ALBA!!
YOU ALL...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
YEAH, SOMETHING THAT DISGUSTING SHOULD DISAPPEAR.
I FEEL RELIEVED, ACTUALLY. CATS SHOULD JUST GO DIE.
THESE FOXES IN SHEEPS' CLOTHING... I'LL TEAR OFF THEIR SKINS!!!
URGH!
ALBA...?
How detestable
EHH, A CAT?
WHAT THE...?

AAAGHH!!
I'LL KILL YOU!!!
FURY!!! WILL ALBA RETURN TO HIS BEING AN ASSASSIN ONCE MORE?!
TO BE CONTINUED...